

ATHENS RADIO CLUB MINUTES

June 2, 2020

The meeting was held on the Zoom platform.
Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

In attendance: 15.

Geeter, Nola KG4OVO -Treasurer
Hallman, Gerald KN4AAA
Herrin, Bob KE4JLL- Public Service
Hickey, Jesse N4JAH- President
Johnson, Bruce P.-KX4AZ
Koehler, Phil AF4TQ
McCook, Kathleen KN4IJM -Secretary
Patterson, Lewis WD4GTY
Reeves, James KF4AQO - VE Coordinator and Repeater Trustee
Slutsky, Alan KA4FJV
Strang, Sam KN4SPF
Teal, Michael
Tolbert, Janna KJ4ESB

Presentation

Hurricane Season 2020

Pam Knox, Director University of Georgia Weather Network

Pam Knox is the Director of the UGA Weather Network, a network of 86 stations around the state which have been recording weather and climate data starting in 1991. She is also an agricultural climatologist for the University of Georgia in the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. She provides outreach and education on climate and its effects on crops and livestock in the Southeastern US. She also provides weather and climate data and analyses to university scientists and user groups across the region. She is a regional coordinator for the volunteer CoCoRaHS (Community Cooperative Rain Hail and Snow) rainfall network in Georgia serves on the advisory board for the Georgia Weather Network. Pam is also an active Certified Consulting Meteorologist in the areas of forensic meteorology and climatology. She serves on the technical advisory boards for the Southeast Regional Climate Center (NOAA) and the Southeast Regional Climate Hub (USDA).

Presentation is be posted under Files area of the main@AthensRadioClub.groups.io group.

- [/Club programs/2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season.pptx](#)

Sign up for messages at Climate and Agriculture in the Southeast:

<https://site.extension.uga.edu/climate/>

Announcements

- The online auction for items donated to the club netted over \$13,000. The club appreciates Jess Hickey's coordination of the auction and the generosity of the donor. Jess will coordinate with Treasurer Nola Geeter, KG4OVO, to deposit funds.

Held back from auction for Club use:

- **I-Com 7300.**
- **Kenwood 890S with matching speaker and power supply.**

These will be showcased at Field Day.

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- The Repeater has not been performing at the level expected but the restrictions on visiting the top of St. Mary's where the repeater is located have prevented investigation. Jess Hickey, NAJAH, Bob Herrin, KE4JLL and James Reeves, KF4AQO will troubleshoot on June 6.

New Business

- **Minutes of the May 5, 2020 meeting were approved.**
- **Treasurers Report:**
 - Treasurer, Nola Geeter KG4OVO
 - Funds: \$15, 697.40 which includes extant funds, auction proceeds and the \$725.05 left from the donation for the repeater.
- **Repeater**
 - James Reeves, KF4AQO repeater trustee reaffirmed that until the shelter-in-place mandate is lifted we won't be able to go to St. Mary's to troubleshoot.
- **ARES**
- **VE Report-**
 - James Reeves, KF4AQO reported on June 2, 2020 examinations. 11 candidates, 10 passed Tech. One of them took both and passed General.
 - Exams were held in IDM parking lot. Test takers brought chairs and clipboards and sat 6 feet apart.
 - Thank you to Ed, N4ZRA; Jess, N4JAH; Jim, KF4RX; Janna KJ4ESB for supporting the June 2, 2020 session.
 - SKYWARN**
- **Public Service Report**

Bob Herrin, KE4JLL, reported that all public service events including G day have been cancelled due to COVID-19.

New Business

President Jess Hickey, N4JAH reported that the Executive Committee voted to continue with field day planning with optimism that the loosening of the shelter-in-place mandate will make it possible. The planning group will monitor ARRL guidelines and coordinate with the YMCA.

Bob Herrin, KE4JLL provided Temporary Rule Waivers for Field day, 2020 (reposted below)

Temporary Rule Waivers for ARRL Field Day 2020

5/28/2020

With one month to go before 2020 **ARRL Field Day**, June 27-28, the ARRL Programs and Services Committee (PSC) has adopted two temporary rule waivers for the event:

1) For Field Day 2020 only, Class D stations may work all other Field Day stations, including other Class D stations, for points.

Field Day rule 4.6 defines Class D stations as “Home stations,” including stations operating from permanent or licensed station locations using commercial power. Class D stations ordinarily may only count contacts made with Class A, B, C, E, and F Field Day stations, but the temporary rule waiver for 2020 allows Class D stations to count contacts with other Class D stations for QSO credit.

2) In addition, for 2020 only, an aggregate club score will be published, which will be the sum of all individual entries indicating a specific club (similar to the aggregate score totals used in ARRL affiliated club competitions).

Ordinarily, club names are only published in the results for Class A and Class F entries, but the temporary rule waiver for 2020 allows participants from **any Class** to optionally include a single club name with their submitted results following Field Day.

For example, if Podunk Hollow Radio Club members Becky, W1BXY, and Hiram, W1AW, both participate in 2020 Field Day — Hiram from his Class D home station, and Becky from her Class C mobile station — both can include the radio club’s name when reporting their individual results. The published results listing will include individual scores for Hiram and Becky, plus a combined score for all entries identified as Podunk Hollow Radio Club.

The temporary rule waivers were adopted by the PSC on May 27, 2020.

ARRL Field Day is one of the biggest events on the amateur radio calendar, with over 36,000 participants in 2019, including entries from 3,113 radio clubs and emergency operations centers. In most years, Field Day is also the largest annual demonstration of ham radio, because many radio clubs organize their participation in public places such as parks and schools.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many radio clubs have made decisions to cancel their group participation in ARRL Field Day this year due to public health recommendations and/or requirements, or to significantly modify their participation for safe social distancing practices. The temporary rule waivers allow greater

flexibility in recognizing the value of individual and club participation regardless of entry class.

ARRL is contacting logging program developers about the temporary rule waivers so developers can release updated versions of their software prior to Field Day weekend. Participants are reminded that the preferred method of submitting entries after Field Day is via the [web applet](#). The ARRL Field Day rules include instructions for [submitting entries](#) after the event. Entries must be submitted or postmarked by Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM

Future dates:

- Clarke County ARES 2m Training Net Thursday, 4 June 2020, 8:30pm to 9:00pm,
- June 27-28, 2020: FIELD DAY

Submitted by Kathleen McCook KN4IJM, Secretary